[*English*]

Telecast of Regional Programmes by Doordarshan

4091. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing one hour allotted for Regional Centres' Programmes on Sundays has been reduced to half-an-hour;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether one hour time allotted for programmes of Regional Centres on the New Year Eve every year is proposed to be cancelled from this year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether several programmes of Trivandrum Doordarshan are pending for recognition with the Union Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage Regional language programmes at the national level?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telecast of the recorded version of Question Hour of both the Houses of Parliament has necessitated this change.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Within the constraints of telecast time, programme requirements resources and viewers interest, it is the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes in various regional languages in the National Network.

Utilisation of Surface Water

4092. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN.
SHRI GANGADHAR SANIPALLI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEY:
DR. P. VALLAL PERMUMAN:
SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN MATHUR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any study/survey in regard to the utilisation of un-utilised surface underground water in the country:

(b) if so, the outcome thereof location wise: and

(c) the details of such studies and surveys proposed to be undertaken during the current year?

The Minister of Water RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). As per assessment made by the Central Water Commission,, out of 40 cubic kilometres of average annual precipitation (snow and rainfall) received by the country, the